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Ministry Business Plan Executive Council

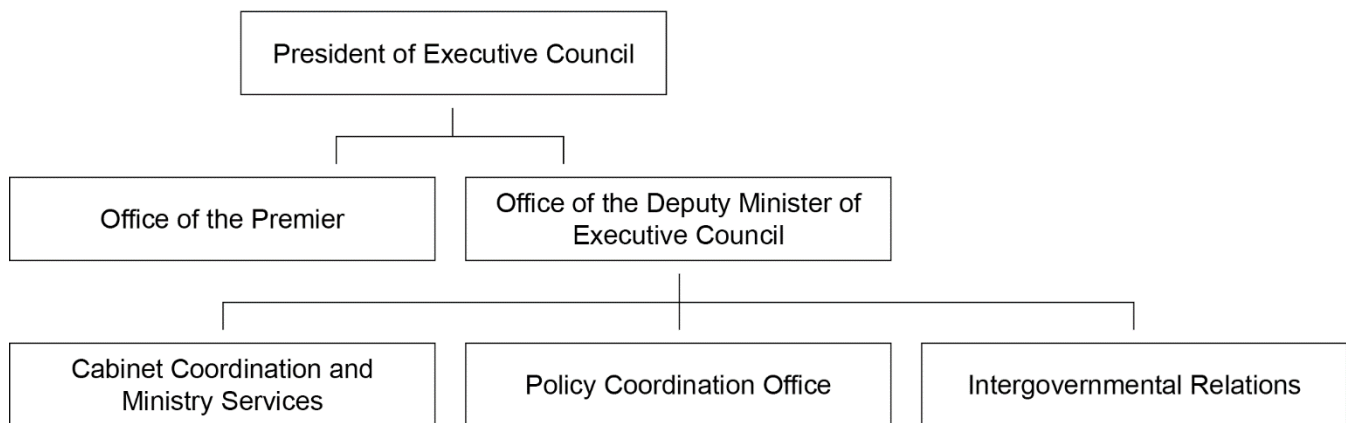
Executive Council

Business Plan 2023-26

Ministry Fact Sheet – Mandate and Structure

The ministry consists of the Department of Executive Council. Executive Council provides the Premier and cabinet with strategic coordination and policy analysis to inform decision-making on the issues that have an impact on Albertans. This involves providing governance support to cabinet and cabinet committees, coordinating the development of policy in alignment with the government’s agenda, and coordinating the review and approval of legislation.

Executive Council works with ministries to coordinate a consistent approach to intergovernmental and international relations within Canada and around the world so that Alberta’s priorities and agenda can be advanced. The ministry approves all of Alberta’s intergovernmental agreements; supports the Premier’s intergovernmental agenda, missions, and meetings; and welcomes state, official, working, and private visits to Alberta. The ministry also leads Alberta’s international relations and priorities while working with other ministries to advise on and support their international priorities and initiatives.



A more detailed description of Executive Council and its programs and initiatives can be found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/executive-council.aspx>

The Ministry of Executive Council remains committed to regulatory approaches and program delivery that reduce unnecessary government oversight and emphasize outcomes, in order to improve access to government services, attract investment, support innovation and competitiveness, and grow Alberta businesses.

Ministry business plans should be considered in conjunction with all budget documents - including the Fiscal Plan, Government Strategic Plan, and Estimates - which work together to provide a complete overview of government’s commitment to responsible fiscal management.

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Outcome 1

Government's agenda is implemented effectively in coordination with ministries

The Premier and cabinet require objective, comprehensive and coordinated information to make, communicate and implement decisions. Executive Council supports government decision-making by providing advice and guidance on legislative, policy and operational matters.

Key Objectives

- 1.1 Provide advice and support to ministries to align policy and legislative proposals to support government in implementing public policies, programs and services.
- 1.2 Provide advice and information to the Premier and cabinet to support informed decision-making.

Outcome 2

Alberta's priorities are advanced across Canada and internationally

Executive Council leads the coordination and advancement of Alberta's priorities as they relate to other governments across Canada and internationally. The ministry coordinates Alberta's leadership and participation within the Canadian federation and with international governments, and welcomes heads of state or representatives from other governments.

Key Objectives

- 2.1 Advance Alberta's interests and effectively advocate on the issues that are important to Albertans while building and maintaining strong relationships with federal, provincial and territorial governments.
- 2.2 Collaborate with other ministries to define a coordinated and consistent intergovernmental approach to policies as they relate to other jurisdictions within Canada.
- 2.3 Collaborate with other ministries on timely and consistent reviews and approvals of intergovernmental agreements.
- 2.4 Collaborate with other ministries and jurisdictions to reduce red tape and barriers to internal trade, including reviewing Alberta's exceptions under its trade agreements to reduce red tape and working with other governments to reconcile existing regulatory measures that act as a barrier to trade, and align new regulatory measures.
- 2.5 Build and maintain strong relationships with priority international partners, particularly with national and state-level officials in the United States, to expand and defend Alberta's economic and policy interests.
- 2.6 Support the planning and execution of international and trade missions.
- 2.7 Promote the free flow of goods, services and labour mobility across Canada.
- 2.8 Lead the planning and implementation of official visits by foreign dignitaries to Alberta to develop new markets while showcasing the province.

Performance Metrics

1.a Performance Measure: Satisfaction of ministries with the services they receive from Executive Council

Executive Council works closely with ministries to prepare proposals for cabinet and cabinet committees. The satisfaction of client ministries reflects the quality of Executive Council's services. Client satisfaction is measured through an annual survey of client ministries. In 2021-22, the result for this measure was 92 per cent.

Targets	2023-24	85%	2024-25	85%	2025-26	85%
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1.b Performance Measure: Satisfaction of ministries that the advice and support from Executive Council assists ministries in advancing the policy and operational mandates of the government

Executive Council works closely with ministries to prepare proposals for cabinet and cabinet committees. The satisfaction of client ministries reflects the quality of Executive Council's services. Client satisfaction is measured through an annual survey of client ministries. In 2021-22, the result for this measure was 89 per cent.

Targets	2023-24	85%	2024-25	85%	2025-26	85%
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2.a Performance Measure: Satisfaction of ministries with the services they receive from Executive Council to advance Alberta's interests within Canada

Intergovernmental Relations works with ministries to advance the Premier's intergovernmental agenda. The satisfaction of client ministries reflects the quality of Executive Council's services. Client satisfaction is measured through an annual survey of client ministries. In 2021-22, the result for this measure was 98 per cent.

Targets	2023-24	90%	2024-25	90%	2025-26	90%
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2.b Performance Measure: Percentage of intergovernmental agreements reviewed within the designated two-week timeframe

Intergovernmental Relations is responsible for reviewing and approving all intergovernmental agreements. Timely responses to ministries are a critical service standard. Responsiveness is measured through a survey. In 2021-22, the result for this measure was 100 per cent.

Targets	2023-24	100%	2024-25	100%	2025-26	100%
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2.c Performance Indicator: Number of intergovernmental meetings (multilateral and bilateral) supported

Intergovernmental Relations is responsible for supporting multilateral and bilateral intergovernmental meetings. This indicator shows how often Alberta is participating in intergovernmental meetings that provide an opportunity to advance our priorities with other federal, provincial and territorial governments. In 2021-22, 211 intergovernmental meetings were held.

Number of intergovernmental meetings (multilateral and bilateral) supported	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
	183	110	194	411	211

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable		2023-24 Estimate	2024-25 Target	2025-26 Target
	2022-23 Budget	2022-23 Forecast			
REVENUE					
Other Revenue	8	8	8	8	8
Consolidated Total	8	8	8	8	8
EXPENSE					
Office of the Premier / Executive Council	12,936	13,016	15,914	15,997	16,116
Intergovernmental Relations	11,910	17,768	19,331	20,635	21,951
Consolidated Total	24,846	30,784	35,245	36,632	38,067
Net Operating Result	(24,838)	(30,776)	(35,237)	(36,624)	(38,059)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
Office of the Premier / Executive Council	25	25	25	25	25
Consolidated Total	25	25	25	25	25